

Application No. 10/724,866  
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### REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application, of which claims 1-17 have been amended.  
No new claims have been added.

The Specification and Abstract have been amended to correct numerous grammatical, idiomatic and spelling errors. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,448,294 to Yamazaki (hereafter "Yamazaki").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Yamazaki discloses an imaging apparatus which is integrally provided with two image pickup systems for respectively converting subject light into image signals and two displays for respectively displaying images relative to the image signals obtained by the two image pickup systems. Because the operations of the two image pickup systems are synchronized, it is not necessary to insert an element, such as a prism, in each optical path. Further, because a common signal processing circuit is provided for performing predetermined processing of the image signals outputted from the two image pickup systems, the size of the imaging apparatus is reduced.

FIGS. 1-3 show two gamma correction circuits 10a, 13a which are switched by switches S1 and S2. This is in contrast to the present invention, as shown in FIG. 2, in which a single color and gamma correction unit 42 is switched between the right-eye CCD 20 and the left-eye CCD 21 by image pick-up element switch 35.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to clarify this distinction, and the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-17, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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